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WHAT does the esteemed Mr. Jones, of the *York Times*, think of it, anyhow?

THE democratic end of Illinois will give a republican majority this year.

THE democrats should attach a Payne tail to the Tilden kite. What a ticket that would make! Deceitful and Old Father Time.

ILLINOIS and Maine, Lincoln and Hamlin, 1860. Maine and Illinois, Blaine and Logan, 1884.

It might be just as well to save up a little of the yell until the last days of the campaign. It will be needed later.

SENATORS EDMUNDS, Hawley, and Sherman unite in expressions of good-will. They regard the ticket as a strong one. Senator Harrison could not be seen.

THE humorists of the house of representatives had a jolly time yesterday while waiting for the news. Mr. Belford and Mr. Van Eaton were particularly happy.

WORK on the second volume of "Twenty Years in Congress" will probably be suspended until March 4, 1889, with privilege of an extension for another four years.

A VERY choice collection of dark horse biographical sketches has been turned over to the obituary editor for future reference. These able sketches may be of use some time.

THE democrats might as well make the election in Ohio unanimous in October. If they make a fight they will be in a sorry plight. They will not be fit to be seen.

MR. TILDEN will irrevocably decline. Democratic state conventions go right along instructing for him just as though his irrevocable declination was a baffful acceptance.

DELEGATE HARRISON made a premature start from Chicago. He evidently mistook the discharge of a few air guns for the roaring of artillery—a strange mistake for an old soldier.

MINISTER SARGENT will soon shake the dust of Berlin from the soles of his shoes. He had an audience with the Emperor William yesterday, and presented his letters of recall.

A NEW word has been coined in Boston. The people who fail to get seats in the theaters and are obliged to content themselves with standing room in the aisles and lobbies are called "standees."

NEITHER the general nor the senator got there, but a cousin of Mrs. John Sherman will occupy the white house for the next four years. That is almost as good as having a president in the family.

IT is seldom that the naval cadets at Annapolis are permitted to hear so pleasing a speaker as the Hon. S. S. Cox. He delivered the annual address at the graduation exercises yesterday, much to the edification of the cadets, their friends, and the board of visitors.

ENGLAND appears to have come to the conclusion that France, and not America, is the safe asylum of the dynamite conspirators. The attention of the French government has been called to the fact that the dynamiters are permitted to organize their murderous plots in Paris without molestation.

JUST as France began to show a disposition to let up on the American hog, England has tackled the American cow. In the house of commons yesterday the government was asked to introduce a measure to protect the people of the United Kingdom against the sale of adulterated American dairy products. Oleomargarine has just found its way across the ocean, and its bad reputation has preceded it.

A LOUISIANA legislative committee has reported in favor of giving disabled Confederate soldiers, resident in that state, 100 acres of land. The measure will probably receive the favorable consideration of the Louisiana legislature. If that chronic pauper of a commonwealth has more land than she knows what to do with she might sell some of it and employ the proceeds in strengthening her levees, instead of giving it away in the shape of rewards for treason.

NOW THAT our democratic brethren know the size of the job their republican opponents have prepared for them to confront at the polls they will have leisure to turn their attention to matters of lively interest in connection with their own coming convention. For instance, it is reported that Mr. Henri Watterson has a roaring free-trade plank ready for insertion in their platform, and it will certainly puzzle the leaders of the party to devise means of suppressing the brilliant and determined Kentuckian without a disrupting struggle.

TO THE average American the fuss which the French republicans are making over the attentions shown to the Count of Paris by Minister Morton is ridiculously absurd. It seems preposterous that any official notice should be taken of such a trivial incident, yet the cable informs us that an interpellation to the government will be offered in the

senate and chamber of deputies. A republic that cannot stand the strain of a courteous remark to a representative of a royal family that has been out of power for thirty-five years must rest on a very insecure foundation.

Blaine and Logan.

As the candidate of the republican party you will have my earnest and cordial support.—*Chester A. Arthur.*

These magnanimous and noble words, uttered by President Arthur to James G. Blaine by telegram to Augusta immediately after the news had arrived that the latter had defeated the former for the presidential nomination, express the sentiments which should inspire every republican from this day to the election in November.

The question is not one of men, but of measures; not a personal issue, but one of policy. Shall the republican party, with its principles of free speech, individual sovereignty, protection of home industry, and the laboring man govern the nation from 1885 to 1889, or shall the bourbon democracy dominate the country, suppressing freedom and free utterances, trampling upon individuals, submitting to the rule of a few arrogant and antiquated negro haters, and sacrificing the divorced occupations and the comfort and prosperity of the American workman to give profits to the English, French, and German manufacturers, who employ only pauper workmen and pay them only starvation prices?

Before this issue men are nothing, principles are everything. President Arthur, known to be wise, considerate, patriotic, sure of the electoral vote of New York, would have been the best candidate. No doubt would for a moment have been felt concerning his election.

But James G. Blaine has been fairly nominated. The supreme duty of every patriot is to labor for his election. Magnetism and enthusiasm will not do the work. But such loyalty to the party as President Arthur has manifested, followed by earnest and cordial labor, will give success.

There is no excuse for bolting. The independent who voted for Edmunds could have nominated Arthur instead of Blaine. They preferred the latter, and nominated him by their persistency. If any men are bound to support Mr. Blaine, George William Curtis, Andrew D. White, and Theodore D. Roosevelt are thus committed, for to them he owes his nomination in a fair convention. Let them now rally grandly and nobly to his support, and give him the victory. President Arthur has shown his self-sacrifice and devotion to the party of freedom and progress. Let these pure and heroic idealists, proud of their defeat of Clayton and their nomination of Blaine, throw their souls into the great contest before the people, and give victory in November to the ticket of Blaine and Logan.

Gen. Logan has an unblemished record as a soldier and a statesman. He was one of the bravest of the brave during the dark days of the rebellion, and his reputation as a stainless and incorruptible representative of the people in the halls of congress is world wide. He is a man the American people can point to with pride. There is not a public man of prominence in either party to-day with a better record than Gen. Logan. He adds strength to the ticket. The tail will not drag.

A Fairly Won Victory.

The republican national convention just adjourned will be one memorable in the history of the party. It was one of the most independent bodies ever brought together. A great majority of the delegates were left free by their constituencies to vote as their judgments might dictate. The direction of the current of popular favor was unmistakably toward Mr. Blaine, but the weight of the conservative thought of the party was against his nomination. There was no concentration upon a candidate to beat him, however, while Mr. Blaine's supporters were enthusiastic and aggressive in their determination to win.

The delegates who composed the convention very correctly represented the sentiment of the voters who elected them. The anti-Blaine delegates were in a majority, but they could not fuse and the strong personality of Mr. Blaine broke through and demolished the lines of the opposition, sweeping everything before it and winning in spite of bad management. The tremendous force was irresistible. It gathered power as it progressed, and four ballots ended the battle. The fight was furious while it lasted, but it was of short duration, and it was different in spirit from any ever waged in previous republican national conventions. There was less of desperate determination, less dogged earnestness to carry out an agreed programme, and more of the electrical flash and hurrah.

Four days sufficed to transact the business that brought the convention together. The preliminary action was remarkably free from disputes. The machinery moved without the slightest friction, and although there were periods of great excitement and tumult, the proceedings were characterized by a spirit of fair play that leaves no room for complaint. The result was a disappointment to many, but it must be admitted by all that the victory was fairly won.

President Arthur's friends stood by him with conspicuous fidelity, but it was not his year.

The election of Blaine and Logan next fall will rob this country of two brilliant journalists. Mr. Whitelaw Reid would do for the court of St. James, and Mr. Charles Emory Smith might take a fancy to Vienna or Paris. There's no telling.

GEN. LOGAN took part in the battle of Bull Run as a private soldier, and was one of those who did not become pauper stricken. He was the only soldier of the war who went in a private and came out a major general.

THE receiver of the Wabash road has petitioned the court for permission to borrow money to pay a lot of little debts. He takes naturally to railroad financing.

MR. GOULD is giving his stocks a boost. The kink has evidently been taken out of his back.

WASHINGTON base ball talent appears to be developing.

JAMES GILLESPIE BLAINE.

A Biographical Sketch—The Career of a Typical American.

James Gillespie Blaine was born Jan. 31, 1820, in Union township, Washington county, Pa. His great-grandfather, Ephraim Blaine, was an officer in the war for independence. With Gen. Washington at Valley Forge, Col. Blaine endured the hardships of that terrible winter of 1777-78. To his efficiency as commissary general is in great measure due the preservation of the American forces during the most trying war crisis. James's father, Ephraim L. Blaine, like many gentlemen in these days, was possessed of too generous a heart to keep secret houses and living generally beyond his means, a handsome patrimony soon dwindled. First, justice of the peace, no mean place then, and later prothonotary (clerk of the district court) of Washington county, Spenser Blaine was highly esteemed by his neighbors. The Blaines were all staunch Presbyterians. Several were Calvinistic divines. Ephraim, however, fell in love with a lovely Miss Gillespie, of Celtic parentage. She acknowledged the Roman Catholic faith. The father of the young man, seeing the hand and name of a Blaine, sterling woman who was, as mothers of great men are wont to be. A few years since she and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Walker, died of a fever. Her husband, James, the third son of James, was her favorite, and the prophesied fame for her boy. So do most mothers. Few live to see hopes thus satisfactorily realized. First to an Ohio school, then to Washington Presbyterian college—in the year where his father had died—James Blaine was sent. He studied assiduously, and in 1847 graduated with high honors.

SCHOOL TEACHER AND EDITOR. Like Webster and other great Americans, Blaine began his career by teaching. His school was at Georgetown, Ky., where, in 1853, he became acquainted with and married Miss Stanwood, and returned with her to Maine. The Stanwoods were men of prominence in New England, and Mr. Blaine exchanged a pedagogic's pursuits for those of an editor. He was the editor of the *Kennebec Journal*, which was associated with Mr. Stevens. They had the state printing. This proved insufficient for Mr. Blaine's support. In vain he struck for a \$1,200 salary. This prompted him to assume the editorship of the *Portland Advertiser*. He was not long in resigning, and returned to the *Kennebec Journal*. He was associated with Mr. Stevens. They had the state printing. This proved insufficient for Mr. Blaine's support. In vain he struck for a \$1,200 salary. This prompted him to assume the editorship of the *Portland Advertiser*. 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